

# BACK-STREET BUZZ

## OXFORD'S OTHER PAPER

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# WOMAN DEFIES RAPIST

At 10.30 on Friday 9th December a woman was attacked on Donnington Bridge. She was walking from Charles Street in East Oxford to the Abingdon Road when a man approached her from behind, tried to remove her clothes, and said he intended to rape her. Fortunately, she was able to fight him off by swearing at him and kicking him in the balls, which caused him to run away.

This news is in itself disturbing enough - but both the description of the man, and the nature, time and place of the attack suggest that it was the same man who attacked a woman five weeks ago. On that occasion a woman was cycling back from South Oxford at 12 pm on a Friday night. At the corner of Donnington Bridge Road and Iffley Road she was pulled off her bike from behind. The man tried to strip her and threatened to rape her. When she reacted aggressively the man was intimidated, and she managed to flag down a passing car, upon which the man ran away.

Both attacks were reported to the police, who said that they had had several reports of similar attacks in Headington, although they were cagey about the precise details. The man is described as being about 5'8" tall, with straight dark brown hair which covers his ears, and is of slight build. The accounts of the attacks in the Donnington Bridge area suggest that he is easily intimidated.

WOMEN FIGHT BACK - SEE PAGE 4.

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fun & games



## FORBIDDEN CASTLE

Why is Oxford's most ancient historic monument, Robert D'Oilly's 1086 motte-and-bailey castle mound, not open to the public? It's not dangerous - we've been up there and you probably have too. If not, now's the time - it's easy, the gate is open so just ignore the signs and follow the path till you come to the dreadful dungeon at the top - splendid view of Oxford Prison. Could there be any connection between the organisation that owns it, the sinister 'County Council', and the Norman invasion of 1066?

## BRIGADIER EXPLODES

At a meeting of the County Schools sub-committee on Friday 16th December it was decided to recommend St. Michaels School Marston and Headington Quarry School as the two first schools to be closed in Oxford City due to the projected decline in schoolchildren.

The votes were carried 9-5 and 7-6 despite passionate pleas in defence of the schools by councillors Harris and Todd. The only Labour member present, the Rev. Tony Williamson, voted for the closures and Olive Gibbs, Labour leader present in a non-voting capacity, spoke strongly in favour of the closures. Both schools are Church of England and the representative of the diocese spoke in their defence.

The arguments for closure were tightly presented and depended on two things. Firstly, the birth statistics, which were apparently immune to all the criticisms made of them, and no one dared to doubt. Second, the claim that all money saved would be 'used for education' with the vague implication that it would 'better the student teacher ratio'. Councillors got quite shirty if anyone suggested that the closures were for economic reasons rather than educational ones, so it was hard to imply distrust of this claim. The notorious Brigadier Streatfield during the course of the meeting exploded once with indignation, fell backwards once in hysterical laughter, and excitedly jiggled his feet as the meeting was coming to the conclusion he desired. Poor Janet Todd was interrupted very harshly by the chair as she tried to defend nearly every school from closure.

West Oxford First School was recommended to become a primary school sending pupils on to Matthew Arnold

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We would like to make it clear (as some misunderstanding has clearly arisen) that articles such as those on Rainbow's End, Razors, and Tom Robinson in previous issues of the Bugle were not paid for by the subjects themselves. All articles in the Bugle are there for fun, because we want them to be there, and for no other purpose.

Entries in the information section of the paper are also free and subject to our fads and fancies. The only purchasable space is the boxed advertisement area, which we sell at the rate of £1 per 1/8 page.

This issue's appearance was aided and abetted in various ways by Chrissie, Dick, Edward, Kevin, Bob, Pam, Sue, Cath, Vastan, Dave, Fred, Irma, John, Rodger, Di, Chiis, Mark, Marc, Martin, Angela, Dan, Old Uncle Tom Cobblers and all.

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## EXPLODING BRIGADIER (cont.)

School, Cumnor. The Brigadier said this was a popular move with the parents and accused a petition with 268 signatures from people in West Oxford in favour of continuing to send children to South Oxford Middle School of being instigated by the Campaign to Save South Oxford Middle School from closure - and not 'spontaneous'.

It certainly did seem clever of anyone to produce a petition at such short notice - it seems that the Council's tactics are to suddenly switch their proposals at short notice and steamroller them through before anyone can object. So, for example, the headmaster of St. Michael's first heard that his school was to be recommended for closure a couple of days before on Radio Oxford.

Other schools in East Oxford and Cowley that were threatened with closure will not be completely closed. Parts of them may be shut down - but that was not discussed at the meeting. All the present proposals for first and middle school closures will now go to the Education Committee meeting on Jan 5th at County Hall.

## 唱自撰自傑冠許

### COUNCILLOR'S LITTLE JOKE

Oxford City Council have dropped a number of restrictive clauses from the tenancy agreements for council flats and maisonettes, including a section forbidding the beating or shaking of anything from windows and landings. One councillor asked "does that include wives?", which for some reason appeared to be hilariously funny to all present.

It was decided to permit the keeping of pets, despite the spectre of churlish and ungrateful OAP's acquiring lions. Fred Ingram and Berthe Ashby wanted to prevent tenants hanging out their washing, but this move was defeated.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING

A public meeting in South Oxford last week marked the launching of a campaign to fight the closure of South Oxford Middle School. As indicated in the last issue of the Bugle the County Council bases its plans on the most appalling concoction of inadequate figures and predictions of numbers of children.

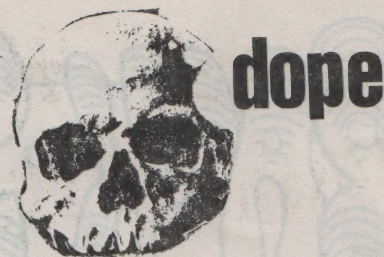
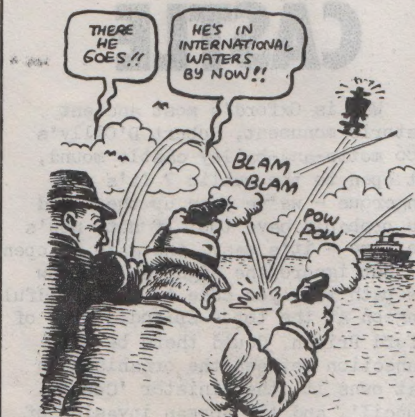
The campaign are currently carrying out their own survey of South Oxford to expose these distortions.

An ironic aspect of the meeting was how the local Tory councillors appeared more 'left-wing' than Labourite God-Squaddie Tony Williamson. What will they do next? Pay the firemen?

Offers of help to South Oxford Middle School Campaign, c/o South Oxford Community Centre, Lake Street, Oxford.

## Carbon Fraud Shock!

Fraud Squad detectives today visited Bugle offices as part of the £1m carbon paper fraud investigation. It seems that our correspondent Vastan Bulbous was conned into purchasing a supply of carbon paper large enough to last 3,000 years. We are launching a fighting fund to pay the bill and meanwhile have to look for new premises as there's no room to write anything anymore.



A student has been convicted by Oxford Magistrate's Court of attempting to extract opium from poppies found growing in the Botley Road. This is believed to be the first case of its kind in Britain. For this offence, and for possessing a small amount of cannabis, the student was fined £140. In the same court Princess Margaretha of Sweden was fined £15 for speeding on Headington Hill.

Meanwhile, sisters and brothers with long memories will be delighted to hear that their old friend Sgt. Michael Strutt is back in town. Described by the student magazine Oxford Strumpet as "a moral crusader with a hell-fire preacher style" who believed that "the whole drugs scene was a plot from Peking, carried out by Canadian jazz musicians", he resigned from the Drug Squad some time back after an apparent misunderstanding with H.M. Customs. Now he is to become a lodge porter at Magdalen College.

In a different part of town a man was found guilty of possession of a gram of cannabis and traces of resin. Bullingdon magistrates, showing extraordinary leniency, fined him a mere £200.

More drug trials are pending....

## Barnardoes Banned

Dr. Bernado's have been forbidden to hold a flag day in Oxford by the City Environmental Health Committee. Many other charities were also turned down as the Committee have decided that Oxford residents do not want more than fifteen flag days a year.

## TALLY HO!

Among the many opportunities for family fun this Christmas is Beagling, meeting at the George, Charlton on Otmoor, on Boxing Day. The kiddies love to see those verminous bunnies being ripped to shreds, so don't miss it.

Fred goes

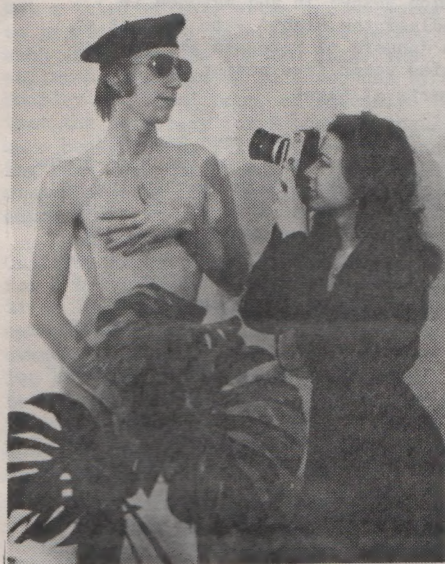
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"The closure of South Oxford Middle School will mean no middle school east of Folly Bridge" - so says Fred Ingrams, leader of the City Council, quoted in the Oxford Times 9.12.77. FACT: South Oxford Middle School is widely believed to be situated west of Folly Bridge.



# Bared! Why all the fellas strip for Irma



CLICK ! IRMA SQUELCH SNAPS MODEL FRED

Irma Squelch seems to have an amazing knack with the lads - they just can't wait to take off their clothes in front of her. But that's one of the pleasures of the job when you're a top photographer.

Irma, 89, told the Bugle: 'Glamour shots are not just getting a bloke's clothes off and taking his picture. There is much more. Firstly I make them relax. A photographic session could last hours before I sense that we are getting close to the real picture'.

Yesterday she launched son, father and grandfather team Fred, 66, Bert, 82, and Isaac, 107, of Carfax, Oxford, into the modelling world.



Flashback - Oxford Star November 24th

CLICK! Don Hogg snaps model Tanya.

## Getting Nowhere Fast at Leyland

Slowing down production to get output up? This is the brilliant feat of magic being performed this January by Leyland management. Now listen carefully and see if you can spot the deliberate mistake.

On two of its models, the Princess and the Marina, Leyland is slowing down the speed of the assembly line, reducing manning levels, but keeping output the same. On the Maxi line, the speed stays the same, but output goes up. Workers removed from the other two lines will sit on their arses in a 'labour pool' waiting to fill jobs lost by 'natural wastage' - that means people who leave of their own accord or reach retirement age.

Do Leyland managers need to consult the Professor of Logic at Oxford University? The explanation feebly urged by the Oxford Mail's industrial correspondent is that they are planning to man the lines to 'actual output' rather than 'theoretical capacity'. This sounds like 'more haste less speed' or 'too many cooks spoil the broth'. Very sound maybe. But the explanation to us by one Cowley worker was very different.

The 'actual output' they are talking about is the number of cars that leave the factory gates. Whereas the lines have not been far short of their theoretical production capacity (the targets) recently, the cars have been rather hard to sell and hundreds have been piling up at the factory. Since they can't sell them they are cutting production, (under the guise - for the press - of increasing output), cutting the workforce (through 'natural wastage') and making part of it idle. Can this possibly INCREASE the efficiency or productivity at the factory? (Productivity is production per worker)

Perhaps - because the new targets will be near the 'actual output' and the proposed productivity bonus will be paid when the target is reached. But it won't matter how many cars the poor buggers assemble if the company can't flog 'em.

By the way, those manning levels will become personnel levels in February when the company finally allows women to work on the assembly line. However, at present, there are no jobs going.....



## bollocks

(again)

Three students at the CFE have got together a college magazine as part of their liberal studies project, called SPIRE. The second issue came out last week with front cover saying NEVER MIND THE BOLLOCKS HERE'S SPIRE 2. They got it printed at Oxford Poly and they took it down to the CFE to collate it. But one of the lecturers on the Liberal Studies course confiscated the front covers! They decided they'd have to change the cover to get it out, so they reprinted it as NEVER MIND THE SEX PISTOLS etc. Censorship on a LIBERAL studies course?

## N.U.S.S.

Setting up a branch of the National Union of School Students and getting people interested to join is not as easy as you would think.

I began a branch because I, like so many others, was fed up moaning about things yet being unable to change them. Many headmasters and headmistresses see the school council as the forum in which the pupil should air his or her views. But the NUSS would like to see more positive schemes to counteract some of the effects of the cuts, rather than spending school money on trees, as one local school council did recently.

We have found from discussions with other school students that there are three main reasons for many of them not wanting to join the union.

a) Some parents and teachers are anti-union and strenuously discourage their children from joining.

b) Many students regard the union as a trouble-making body, thanks to the frequent distortions of the truth in the press.

c) Some people seriously think that the NUSS is a Communist movement.

The NUSS, however, is not an organisation hell-bent on trouble-making. Nor are we led by Communists, for we are basically a non-political association. We do, however, campaign against Fascism, Sexism and Racism in schools, but that does not make you a Communist.

We have other campaigns against school uniforms, secret files on students, youth unemployment and, of course, the cuts.

All we want is a voice for the students and to fight for our rights!





## ATTACKS ON WOMEN

We would like to express our sympathy with Claire Silver for the attack she suffered recently in Iffley Road (Oxford Mail, 15th Nov.) We realise that the incident may not appear particularly newsworthy since the woman concerned fortunately escaped serious physical harm, and the slant taken by the Oxford Mail in writing up her story is typical of the trivialisation of such attacks by the media generally. However, we thought it important that the story was on the front page of the Bugle, and would like to explain why.

Such attacks occur with alarming frequency; two weeks after Claire's experience, another woman was attacked in a similar fashion only 200 yards away on Donnington Bridge. And how many more women whom we do not know about? Yet because attacks in which the rapist is beaten off are not reported seriously, (only those in which he is particularly brutal or the woman is very seriously injured after a 'successful' rape reach the headlines) women remain ignorant and unprepared for the attacks which they will almost certainly suffer at least once in their lives by daring to walk or cycle alone in our streets ("she asked for it"). We wish to

expose the role of the Press in treating these attacks as an inevitable and relatively unimportant fact of life for most women, implying that those who complain about their treatment are hysterical and are over-reacting in some way. The threat of rape is used by men to keep women in their place (the home), and the male-dominated media help to perpetuate the myth of submissive female there for the taking/aggressive male temporarily overcome by uncontrollable lust. Rape is an extreme manifestation of sex stereotyping, only one example of man's oppression of woman, and the rapist is neither unusually sick nor carried away by his own natural desires, but a logical product of the sexist attitudes in this society.

We as women must be prepared to fight back against rape. In addition to publicising each case as it occurs, we must expose the trivial attitude of the Press and fight for any attack of this sort to be taken seriously.

Above all, if we are attacked, we do not have to be submissive; the second woman defended herself very successfully with a kick in the balls. An ad hoc rape group is being formed and we would like to hear from any woman who has been attacked or who is interested in fighting back (we can be contacted via the Bugle).

## Back To The Night

Saturday night, November 12th, saw the streets of cities throughout England invaded by bands of women singing, shouting and bearing torches and banners. Women in Leeds, Oldham, Manchester, York, Tyne and Wear, Sheffield, Sunderland, Bradford, Bristol, Cambridge, Guildford, Salisbury, Brighton, Lancaster and London joined in and marched to 'Reclaim the Night' - to protest at the dangers of rape and attack that denies women free access to the streets at night.

In London 500 women marched through Soho, centre of the porn trade and sexual exploitation, chanting and jeering at men as they passed. Some of these spat at the demonstrators, or tried to grab individuals out of the procession - only to find that this eventuality had been planned for, attackers being sprayed with red dye.

However, the marches were exhilarating events with women singing songs about their struggles and plastering stickers on sexist advertisements and establishments.

Plans are in hand to hold a similar march in Oxford in the New Year - the organisers can be contacted through the Bugle.

## Firemans Demo

On Saturday December 10th a couple of hundred people turned out to support Oxfordshire's firemen and women and their families in a march through the centre of Oxford. Although shoppers merely stood and stared for the most part, the demonstrators received some encouragement from offices and building sites, and the confidence and solidarity of the fire service workers was self-evident.

Several trade union banners were to be seen, but very few people had made their own placards. This enabled the Socialist Worker's Party to distribute mass-produced placards throughout the march, creating the impression that there was substantial support for the SWP amongst those present.

At the closing meeting, held outside Rewley Road Fire Station, John Power, President of the Oxford Trades Council, criticised the TUC for not supporting the strike. Gerry Casey, of the Union of Postal Workers, pointed out that the fate of the strike would critically affect wage settlements throughout the public sector. NUPE official George Anderson also stressed the need to support the strike.

Unfortunately there were no speakers from the ranks of the firemen and women themselves, except for a few words of thanks from FBU branch secretary Tony Stockford. Nevertheless, no-one present could have been surprised that the Oxford FBU branch decided to reject the employers' latest offer a couple of days later.

## Bus Tokens

Every December and June the location of the city boundary becomes the cause of complaint for hundreds of disabled and old people. If you live in the city you get a bus pass which gives you unlimited travel for 3p a ticket. If you live in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of the White Horse you get a measly 78 5p bus tokens each six months. In some areas (e.g. Rose Hill) you can get a bus pass if you live on one side of the street, but if you live on the other side you only get a handful of tokens which amount to one journey into town per week. We hope all Bugle readers will support the demand for free buses for pensioners and the disabled.



Incidentally, if you're waiting at night for the last bus and it doesn't come at the right time, try phoning the bus company. It seems they're obliged to send you alternative transport or else promise to pay your taxi fare home. Get a receipt from the cab driver! Two people who had already bought their tickets but found that the last bus was full tried this and got a relief bus all to themselves - and they were going to Liverpool!





# Education for a better World?

Oxford and Cambridge Universities are two of the richest institutions in the country, with an annual income of £10m, more than all other British Universities put together. Helpfully they also receive money from the state, and are the only universities allowed to set student fees themselves. On average they receive 10% more per student, about a third of this extra income going to provide higher salaries and perks such as free meals for the dons. The colleges have reacted to a request by Shirley Williams' Dept. of Education that the Secretary for Education should have control over college fees by warning that this could lead to fewer poor students being able to afford Oxbridge education.

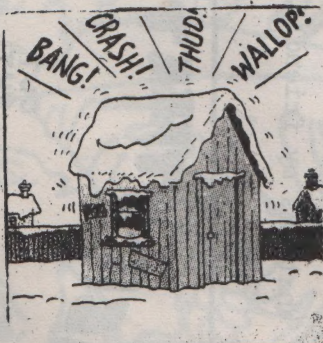
John is a buttery worker at New College, Oxford, and receives £36.60 for a split shift 48 hour week. He also lives in a college-owned house, and because of this loses out on his tax allowance. According to the Council Housing Aid this is due to an arrangement between the college and the Inland Revenue. Anyway John joined a union, NUPE, and encouraged other non-academic staff to do so. About 30 have.

He also explained the position to the local Labour Party, who promised to send a councillor to see him. After John's wife, Sue, telephoned every day for 3 weeks a Labour councillor did eventually arrive, and informed them that they were caught in a poverty trap. It is hoped that this councillor may soon come to the breathtaking conclusion that perhaps something should be done about the poverty trap.

Feeling discouraged and also realising that his union activities were not creating a favourable impression with his employers, he tried to interest that champion of liberty and defender of democracy, the press. The Oxford Star, however, was too pre-occupied to bother to listen.



**SPOTLIGHT on your**



On Friday Dec 16th a dinner is being held at New College for dons and their guests, free of charge. 90 people are expected and John will be working for 60p an hour- he gets less for working outside normal hours. It would seem that if you want an education in economics New College is the place to go.

"The poverty trap" is a stock term used by politicians, civil servants, journalists etc, so if you're not any of those you may not have heard of it. It is used to denote a situation where people on low incomes cannot improve their position for various reasons. In John and Sue's case it means that they need a higher income to improve their position, but their house goes with the job and so they need alternative accommodation, which has to be reasonable as they have a 9 month old son. This also means they can only ever have one income. But to get new accommodation they will need money, and to get that they will need a higher income. And so it goes.

Note\* The names used in this article are fictitious, so as to avoid any hassles with the authorities, but the people themselves, and their situation, are quite real. And there are hundreds of similar cases in Oxford.

## RENTS

If you took your room, bedsit, flat, house or 120-bedroomed mansion because it was the only one you could get then think about applying to the rent tribunal for assessment of your rent. Don't worry about having your rent put up- if that happens you've got a landlord in a million. The tribunal also arranges security of tenure and lay down required services, such as hot water and heating. And they also sort out landlords who hassle tenants for applying to them. Write to Thames Valley Rent Tribunal, 16-18 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DB, or phone Reading 582531. But if your rent is reasonable (by conventional standards, be careful, because they can raise your rents (though they, probably won't).

**local Community Centre  
No.3: South Oxford**

South Oxford Community Centre, "Lakeside," is situated in the old Waterworks building next to Hinksey Park. Surprisingly, the building has been well adapted to its present role and is a very friendly place. Regular happenings are youth clubs, adult literacy, day-time art class, playgroup, Silver Threads Club (for old people), a bulk-buy vegetable scheme, further education classes, judo, and of course a bar. There are several rooms to hire, all at a reasonable rate. For more details contact Di Parkin on 42666.

THROBBING WITH EXCITEMENT



## LETTERS

If you, like the person who wrote us the nice little letter below, want to express your admiration for the best in British journalism (or us) write to the Back Street Bugle, c/o EOA Books, 34, Cowley Road.

Dear comrades,

I missed BSB 1 but in No.2 you don't put names on pieces, OK? I was one of many you asked for contributions, so I sent in the piece about Pirate Jenny. Thanks for printing it and getting the venue right without me correcting it.

I don't remember signing it or not, and I don't need to see my name under something like that any more than the rest of your writers. But surely I never put "Contributed by a Socialist Workers Party member" at the bottom!

Is this some specially big deal for you or something? Should people also have been told I'm in the A.U.T., the C.S.E., the Radical Philosophy editorial collective etc etc?

If I did put my name on it, that will have been simply to let you know where the piece had come from. And if you weren't sure about printing it without my name after it arrived all signed etc, you only had to ring me - I'm in the book.

After all, we weren't told if the pieces on allotments and the rubbish crusher were by PoE members, or if the pieces on short-life housing and squatting were by SHLP activists. And no I.D. was pinned on the very personal reports on Iaing, on the Iran demo, on "Razors", or on TRB's Wycombe gig.

The whole thing made me feel the wrong kind of special, like I might think twice before I send you something again.

Except it looks like I already did.

In solidarity,

*Rip*  
Rip Bulkeley







# CHRISTMAS GAMES AND FUN



## Dial a Disaster

After a hard night at the pub I remembered that I had promised to ring a friend before midnight. However, I had lost their number; all I could remember was the six digits, but not which order they came in. So I tried ringing all possible combinations of the six digits; on the third attempt I found I had the right number.

I noticed that the first number I tried had been half my friend's number, while the second attempt was three times the right number. Also, I had obtained the correct number from the second number by making the last digit the first digit, keeping the other digits in the same order.

What was my friend's number ?

**BACK-STREET BUGLES**  
**CUT OUT**  
**FREE / GIFT**

## Mind Games

Easy to play - no boards, no dice, no nothing. Try these out for size -

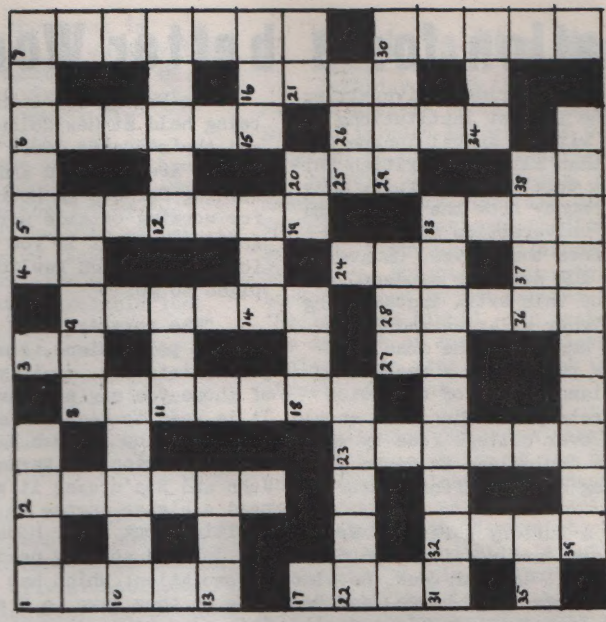
**KILLER** : Everyone sits round in a circle, and the dealer deals each person a card. One of these cards (the joker for instance) when bestowed upon a normal law-abiding citizen turns her/him into a homicidal maniac. The killer then has to kill everyone else off by winking at them, and roughly 15 seconds after being winked at a victim of such a ghastly attack dies in a suitably distracting manner. If the killer can kill everyone else she/he is the winner. If the killer is spotted by a live player in mid-kill of another player, the killer has lost. Hair-raising's not the word !

**METEORITES** : Everyone sits round in a circle and the last one to be killed by falling meteorites wins the game. Works equally well with smallpox and bubonic plague !

**THE DREAM GAME** : Someone who has never played before and doesn't know the rules leaves the room. Whilst she/he is out of the room everyone pretends to make up a dream. When the victim returns she/he can ask questions about her/his dream, questions which require a yes/no answer. If the last word of the victim's question contains the

There are three puzzles on this page which actually require some degree of thought and effort. The Bugle collective will be giving a prize for the first correct answers to all three puzzles (Crossword, Dial a Disaster & the Honeycomb). Answers should be put in an envelope and dropped into EOA Books by the new year. OK?

## A CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1 and 4 across and 1 down. Oxford's leading newspaper (4,6,5).
8. A confused sitar (5).
10. They've already got an advert in this rag. Is this a record? (5).
11. Biafran tribe (3).





## Instructions:-

1. Colour the two clowns in very DIFFERENT colours
2. Carefully cut them both out - if you can, leave the black line around each one
3. NOW FOR THE MAGIC!  
Place them side-by-side on a flat surface. Which of the two is largest? Pick it up and twirl it twice round, your head whilst saying "backwards". When this has been done - and only then, re-place it next to the other one again. BUT this time place it on the RIGHT HAND SIDE. I expect by now you will have seen your magic powers work and it has shrunk WOW

a yes/no and I, I the last word of the victim's question contains the letter 'e', then you answer 'yes' otherwise, 'no'. Ha ha! Hours of fun!

## HUNNYCOMB

### CLUES ACROSS

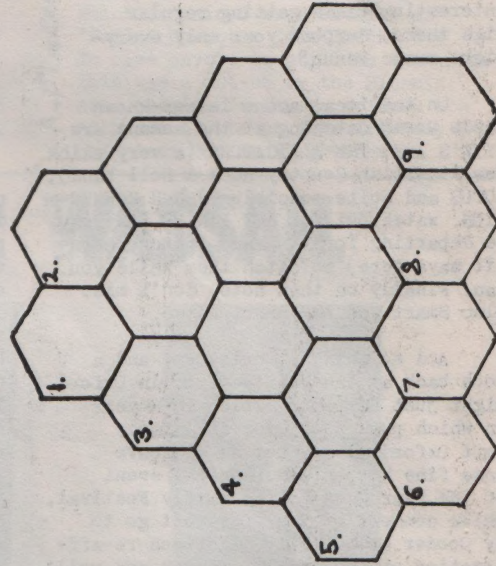
- 1A The square root of 4A  
3A Five times 8U  
4A The square of 1A  
5A Sixty more than 6U  
6A 5U less ten more than twice 1A

### CLUES DOWN

- 1D See 4D  
2D Two more than twice 7U  
3D See 5U  
4D Five more than four times the sum of the digits of 1D  
5D Two less than 4D

### CLUES UP

- 5U 3D plus 9U plus one hundred  
6U Sixty less than 5A  
7U One hundred more than 3A  
8U See 9U  
9U One half of 8U



11. Blafian tribe(3).  
12. Freedom for all Swahili speakers(3).  
13. Three vowels and a bookshop.(3).  
14. Drink slowly(3).  
15. Electric water dweller(3).  
18. What one does at 12 across(3).  
19. Casual greeting(2).  
21. With reference to(2).  
22. Spare the rod and spoil the- (5).  
25. Noise a Chinese cat makes?(3).  
27. Metal in its natural state(3).  
29. After a few drinks we all do it(4).  
31. We all are now, despite the English Channel(9).  
34. Jarry's hero(3).  
35. Too many drugs (2).  
36. Extracted from NATO research(4).  
39. Ordinarily(10). (That's a bit of a giveaway really, but what the hell it's Christmas isn't it?).

### CLUES DOWN

1. See 1 across.  
2. Nothig's more central than this(6).  
3. The-Knock-On-The-Door-In-The-Night-Squad(2).  
4. Italian affirmative(2).  
5. The Romans had them. Some people drive them (7).  
6. Some things fade away, others...(6).  
7. -- at t'mill(7).  
8. Makes dogs go crazy! Balls!(7).  
9. A Chinaman who knows the Way (6).  
16. Godlet of love (4).  
17. Spots before the eyes-and on the face generally(4).  
20. Smallish sprite(3).  
23. Edward ransacked the toilet?(6).  
24. Zat Buddhism iz ze very zing(3).  
26. The hairiest race in the world(4).  
27. Old English(2).  
28. I and I would dread being a star(5).  
30. Don't let houses rot -- (5).  
32. Half an extinct bird on the end of a.French one (4).  
33. Indian dress(4).  
37. A West Country Alternative (2).  
38. One of the many names of God (2).



# ROCKS OFF

The more observant among you may have noticed a distinct shortage of good gigs in Oxford in the last few weeks, due, of course, to many factors. Gigs at the Poly have been limited after a financially disastrous first half of term, and it looks as if they may be about to put in some hard thinking about the future of gigs at Oxpoly.

The main limitation on gigs in Oxford is the shortage of good halls. The Clarendon Press Institute has closed its doors to rock after noise complaints at last summer's Rock against Racism do, and independent halls are getting hard to find. Mayfly has apparently succeeded in getting the Co-op hall on Cowley Road for Feb 10th, which seems an ideal venue for East Oxford people.

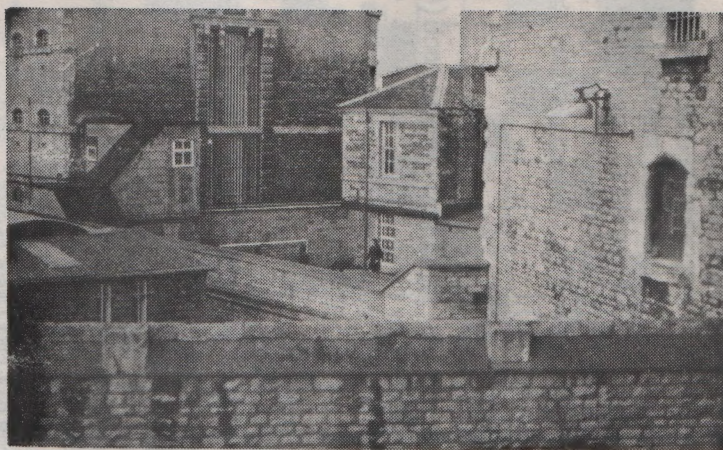
Also to be welcomed is a change of management at the Corn Dolly, which seems to be leading to a more open policy, with some of the town's more interesting bands getting regular gigs there. Support your only every-night music venue!

On the local scene lesser-known bands worth catching at the moment are KYTE'S A-Z, THE ALLIGATORS (a very slick New Ridersish Country Rock & Roll band), LOTUS and quite possibly FRENCH CONNECTION. Watch out for JET LINER- they may be departing for fame and fortune soon (it says here) so catch them while you can. Finally on that note, don't miss Alec Smart and the Smart Alecs.

And so this is Christmas, and a look back at the year's music in Oxford might just be permissible. In a year in which punk took over it largely left Oxford alone, but we did have some fine happenings. Musical event of the year goes to the Mayfly Festival, while concert of the year must go to Ry Cooder at the Poly. 'Glorious re-affirmation of the spirit of rock and roll' award goes to Tom Robinson at the Poly, and for sheer musicianship Weather Report at the Poly and National Health at the C.P.I. must share the honours.

Charlie Horse, Oxford's own Fanzine, came and went lasting only 6 issues, but giving local musicians a sense of collective awareness that was lacking in the past.

On the local front there's been a lot of ups and downs, with a number of good bands folding, some before they even started. Tiger Lily did us proud when they finished National runners-up in the Melody Maker Rock competition. And as the year closes John and Willy have been on TOTP not once but twice!



## SPOT THE BALL AND CHAIN

These poor souls, playing football in grim Oxford Prison, will probably be spending Christmas there too. Spare a thought for them - it doesn't cost anything - as you bathe in brandy butter.

**任你點計, 德律風報最抵!**

## THE CASE FOR DOPE

Those readers of the Bugle who do not themselves smoke cannabis and who do not know anyone else who does (or rather think they don't know any smokers) may perhaps have been surprised at our regular coverage of drug busts in Oxford. Yet there is no reason whatsoever to be surprised. Upwards of five million people in this country have at some time smoked dope. This being the case, we feel it is madness to continue to make possession of cannabis a criminal offence. Obviously we are not the only ones in Oxford who feel this way. On June 15th of this year, for example, a coachload of people from this fair city took the day off work to go and lobby their MP's about legalising dope. Needless to say nothing came of their efforts.

Nonetheless legalisation is only a matter of time, since the number of smokers (despite what the straight press say) is rising steadily. And although the major political parties are still, by and large, opposed to any reform of the law, their youth sections are not. Thus the Young Liberals, the Labour Party Young Socialists and the Young Conservatives have all at their respective conferences called for a change in the law. Such a change is unlikely to come about, however, whilst Callaghan is Prime Minister, since he is an outright opponent of the idea of extending people's freedom in this field. And there are many like him, who through a perverted sense of their own self-righteousness or through a bigoted appraisal of the facts seek to deprive others of their liberty. And yet there is not one convincing reason for continuing to subject a large minority of the population to the depredations and thuggery of the Drugs Squad and the police force in general.

For instance, there is no known link between cannabis and cancer, cannabis and VD, cannabis and lice, cannabis and violence or cannabis and insanity. And, as with so many other pleasurable activities, there is not a shred of evidence to suggest that smoking cannabis leads to blindness.

It is frequently objected that cannabis consumption can lead on to an addiction to harder drugs. And it is certainly true that most of the tiny minority of hard drug users started out on cannabis. Yet it is also true that every single one of them started out on fresh air and milk. Does this mean that we should outlaw these commodities? (say 'no'). Furthermore it is demonstrably clear that cannabis is a non-addictive drug with many beneficial properties (e.g. it keeps people off the streets). Whilst it remains illegal many thousands of ordinary men and women will become branded as criminals; and the cannabis user will always be more likely to start on hard drugs whilst both soft and hard drugs are declared illegal.

Lastly let us leave you with this quote from Dr. Colin Phipps (a Labour MP). "It is fair to say, I think, that if Sir Walter Raleigh had brought back marijuana from the New World instead of tobacco, we should have in this country today the Imperial Marijuana Company and the British-American Marijuana Company instead of the Imperial Tobacco Company and BATC - and fewer cases of lung cancer".

For more information on drugs write to Release, 1; Elgin Avenue, London W9 3PR. Release prints a quarterly journal, 'News Release', available at 30p from the above address.



# POST MORTEM



It should have been one of those really good evenings at the CFE on Friday. Plenty of booze and festive spirit. But the party never really got off the ground and the fair sized turnout, having waited in the bar for over an hour before things got started, never really warmed up enough to make this a happening.

Things started out OK. Mark Lawrence made a gallant untogether bid towards stardom, and for a first gig sounded surprisingly good. A bit like Johnathan Kelly in the good old days. They chose and performed three good songs before Mark's guitar strings bust: an original called "All I want to do is stay in bed with you," the GLOBS classic "Love will find a way", and the Monkees' "I'm a believer".

Johnny G was on next and brought to the Christmas party what burgers brought to Elvis. His one man band emptied the hall. All that I can say is that a four letter word covers this performance - and I don't mean G-R-E-A-T.

Then the long-awaited Ken Liversausage set. I'd never seen him before and must admit the entrance upon the stage is visually stunning. They launched into an ear-splitting barrage of noise in which nothing could be distinguished from anything else, and proceeded to continue in this fashion until the end of the set. It's strange, but for all the visual buffoonery, it seemed like a mime which you'd sussed after a few numbers but which careered needlessly on for about eight more. To my unaccustomed ears (I couldn't hear any lyrics at all) they only seemed to play two numbers all night: one punk and one reggae-punk. It all seemed a bit pointless and shallow to me, dragging on with no climax, a punk mime show reaching towards the Tubes but ending up with Judge Dread.



But to be fair I was in the minority. Liversausage has an ardent and growing following and is the saviour of punk-starved Oxford. His band supply the excitement demanded by most Rock audiences and they fulfil the need for brash, outrageousness at Oxford venues. They certainly got people on their feet and moving and were by far the best band of the evening. But, personally Liversausage has turned me into a vegetarian.

As for Amazorblades- where the 'Amaze' bit comes in I don't know and they have as much edge as a six-month old Gilette. They seemed to have no balance, no idea of how to entertain or what they were supposed to be doing. They seemed musically lost, with no direction- a kind of new-wave Stackridge complete with violin and sax.

There's little more to be said really. I hope Short Life Housing made a lot of money and that they decide to put on another bop sometime. Perhaps next time they'll be luckier band-wise. As it was, another triumph for Liversausage to add to his growing reputation. For me just an evening of very forgettable drunken fun.

## 2ND OPINION

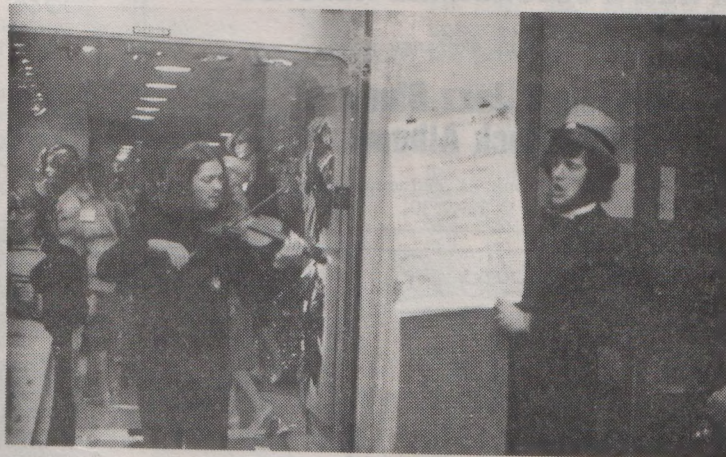
Amazorblades were perhaps unfortunate to have to go on last with terminal drunkenness rife in the audience. They produced a very split audience reaction but the majority stayed and really got off on their very different brand of pop tinged with everything. Bad sound didn't help but they rounded off with a series of good time numbers and to an extent saved the evening.

The gig was marred by no small amount of aggravation, largely due to a determined core of middle-aged drunks, aided and abetted by the Liversausage roadie. Fun activities included throwing beer cans at the bands, and punching Father Christmas in the mouth. Only the appearance of the Amazorblades prevented the total degeneration of the bop.

One interesting feature of the evening was the response to a leaflet handed out by a social worker, in the form of a questionnaire from the Oxfordshire Education Department, asking what kind of music people were into, etc. It claimed to be aimed at helping the Council provide better community arts and music events, and a very large number of people filled them in without comment. However, at the bottom of the form was a section marked 'For Official Use Only', which contained such entries as 'Police Computer Code Check' etc. In case anyone is still in the dark, this was a put-on by the Blooming Arts people. Just goes to show how much you all trust your friendly neighbourhood local government!

And Liversausage Rules - OK

## NUCLEAR WASSAIL



The last two Saturdays, people from Alternatives to Nuclear Technology have been competing at Westgate with the piped carols and Santa Claus perched aloft a glorified skip. Last week they were joined by a busking fiddler. Here is a selection of their (home grown) carols for the nuclear age. Try singing them down your street!

GOD REST YE MERRY

ATOM SCIENTISTS:

God rest ye merry, Gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay!  
Lots of electricity  
Will soon be on its way!  
The nuclear plants are clean & safe  
And you won't have to pay,  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

DYKO-HIPPY PREVERTS:

We don't believe you, Gentlemen,  
It is a pack of lies,

Your nuclear plants will all spring leaks,

And poison all our skies,  
The radioactivity  
Will knock us off like flies,  
Oh tidings of gloom and despair.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent Night  
They've turned out the light  
Nuclear plants are closed tonight  
Workers think they can do what they like

But we've called in the Army  
To break up the strike  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace etc.

JINGLE BELLS

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,  
Jingle all the day,  
Every time those bells go off  
The scientists run away





## XMAS INFO



### OFF-LICENCES

Coopers 289 Iffley Road - open until 22.00 Xmas Eve; open lunchtime & evening on new year's day  
Eyles & Coxeter Woodstock Road Roundabout - normal hours but closed Xmas, Boxing Day & Tuesday

### SHOPS

Very few shops will be open until Wednesday, and some will not reopen until Friday (eg Sainsbury's). Try small independant grocers.

### PETROL

AA SHOP The High will be open until midnight on Xmas eve, but will be closed until Wednesday. AA but not RAC breakdown service will be available at all times during the holiday.

### TRAINS

No service Xmas Day and very little Boxing Day - ring 41744 for details.

### LIBRARIES

Public Libraries will be closed Dec 24th - 28th, Jan 1st & 2nd

### POST OFFICE

St. Aldate's Post Office will be closed on Dec 26th, Dec 27th, and Jan 2nd. Otherwise, normal hours.

### BUSES

No service on Xmas & Boxing Days. No service on Dec 27th except to London. Jan 2nd: Sunday Service



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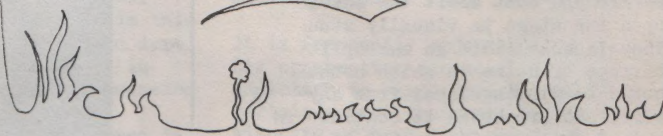
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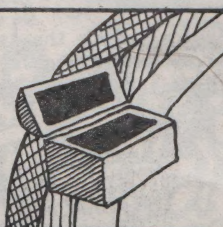
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Recent years have seen a sharp rise in what we call 'socially transmitted' diseases especially among young people. You may think that it's only a problem for those unfortunate enough to pump themselves full of alcohol and drugs, or who indulge in a promiscuous life style. Unfortunately the issue concerns all of you, and it is unfortunate that the media choose to glamourise the risks you take.

We find that oral contact (commonly known as 'kissing') is a real killer at Christmas, and articles such as 'Kissing under the Mistletoe' (Sun, Dec. 12th) can be very misleading. Fortunately there are simple preventative measures that we can all take. For details contact the Community Health Council for Oxfordshire, 95, Cross Street, Oxford. (999724). Sensible oral hygiene can help stamp out membrane damage, tongue cramp, mouth ulcers and even lip scabies. Act now before it's too late!

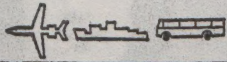


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## DIARY

Wednesday December 21st

- 8.00 Solidarity Xmas Booze Up  
33, Newton Road  
8.00 Friends of the Earth - Uhuru

Thursday December 22nd

- 8.00 Women's Centre Group  
88, Bullington Road

Sunday December 25th

- 12.30 UHURU XMAS DINNER with trad  
and veg alternatives for those  
with nowhere else to go.  
Please book in advance.

Monday December 26th

- 3.00 OXFORD UNITED v SWINDON TOWN

Friday December 30th

- 2.45 'Lasers' - first of a series  
of lectures for kids by Dr.  
Colin Webb at the University  
Museum

Saturday December 30th

- 2.45 'Australian Wildlife'  
Chris Berrins - Univerity Mus.  
3.00 OXFORD UNITED v EXETER CITY

Monday January 2nd

- 2.45 'Birds, Bugs and Berries'  
W.D. Campbell - Univ Museum

Tuesday January 3rd

- 2.45 'A Naturalist in India'  
Dr. Malcolm Coe - Univ Museum  
8.00 BACK STREET BUGLE MEETING  
(Uhuru). This meeting is very  
important as it will be the  
first after this issue - and  
will have to plan issue 4 for  
the following weekend!

Wednesday January 4th

- 8.00 Solidarity 'Are Laws Necessary?'  
62, Marston Street  
8.00 Friends of the Earth - Uhuru

Thursday January 5th

- 10.30 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
(and almost certainly a demo)  
County Hall - check the time  
nearer the day.

## Bugle Empire Grows!

In the last issue we gave you a  
list of places where the Bugle was on  
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that our sales outlets have increased  
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## FILMS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th - 24th

- ABC George Street (44607)  
2 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (A)  
MURDER BY DEATH (A)  
3 EVERYBODY'S (X)/I AM A NYMPHOMANIAC (X)

- ABC Magdalen Street (43067)  
FIST OF FURY (X)

- PHOENIX Walton Street (54909)  
BUGSY MALONE (U)

MONDAY DECEMBER 26th - 30th

- MOULIN ROUGE Headington (62718)  
LADY AND THE TRAMP (U)

- ABC George Street (44607)  
BAMBI (U) / DR. SYN ALIAS THE SCARECROW

- PHOENIX Walton Street  
1 - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (U)  
2 - DECAMERON (X)/CANTERBURY TALES (X)

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st - 7th

- PHOENIX Walton Street (54909)  
1 - THE SENTINEL (X)/BUG (X)  
2 - THE LADY VANISHES (a)/SABOTAGE (A)

SUNDAY JANUARY 8th - 14th

- PHOENIX Walton Street (54909)  
1 - ROCKY HORROR SHOW (AA)/THE PHANTOM  
OF THE PARADISE (AA)  
2 - YOUNG AND INNOCENT (A)/39 STEPS (A)



FILMS AT THE PHOENIX

PHOENIX 2

- DEC 20th THE CIRCUS  
DEC 21st MONSIEUR VERDOUX  
DEC 22nd MONSIEUR VERDOUX  
DEC 23rd LIMELIGHT  
DEC 24th LIMELIGHT

PHOENIX 1 LATE NIGHT SHOW (11.00)

- DEC 20th MARAT/SADE  
DEC 21st PSYCHO  
DEC 22nd MEET WHIPLASH WILLIE  
DEC 23rd THE GLENN MILLAR STORY  
DEC 24th THE MAGUS

FILMS AT THE PENULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE

- DEC 28th WOODSTOCK  
DEC 29th KING OF MARVING GARDENS  
DEC 30th THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH  
DEC 31st THE COCOANUTS/MONKEY BUSINESS  
JAN 1st THE MAGIC FLUTE  
JAN 2nd PAPER MOON  
JAN 3rd AMARCORD  
JAN 4th THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE  
UGLY  
JAN 5th RICHARD III  
JAN 6th KLUTE  
JAN 7th AMERICAN GRAFFITTI  
JAN 8th DEATH IN VENICE  
JAN 9th NASHVILLE





# MUSIC



## ROCK

[The Ramones - see Dec 30th.]

- Dec 20th LOTUS: Corndolly  
 FISHING HOLE: Golden Cross  
 FAIRPORT CONVENTION: Banbury Winter Gardens  
 Dec 21st SUNFLY: Corndolly  
 DRIVING WHEEL: Golden Cross  
 Dec 22nd HOT LINE: Corndolly  
 SUNFLY: Golden Cross  
 Dec 23rd ARMS & LEGS: Oranges & Lemons  
 STAN SMITH: Corndolly  
 BRITISH LIONS & REMUS DOWN  
 BOULEVARD: Aylesbury Friars  
 Dec 24th KEN LIVERSAUSAGE: Oranges  
 PRISM: Corndolly  
 WATTS BROWN & CURLY: G.C.  
 Dec 25th JESUS CHRIST: Bethlehem  
 Dec 27th FISHING HOLE: G.C.  
 SOUTHERN ROCKABILLY STARS:  
 Aylesbury Civic Centre  
 Dec 28th TIGER LILY: Corndolly



- Dec 29th SUNFLY: G.C.  
 Dec 30th RAMONES: Aylesbury Friars  
 Jan 7th OSIBISA: Aylesbury Friars

## FOLK

- GYPSEY DAVEY Chequers, St. Thomas St. Sundays  
 GENERAL ELLIOT South Hinksey: Fridays  
 MONKS RETREAT Turl Street: every night and also lunchtimes  
 THE SWAN Marston Street Tues and Weds

## JAZZ

- THE ROEBUCK, Market Street, Sundays.  
 THE MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, Thursdays.  
 THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Old Marston, Thursdays.

## IRISH

- UNIVERSITY AND CITY ARMS Cowley road Sundays  
 RADCLIFFE ARMS Cranham St. Sundays

## C&W

- MARLBOROUGH HEAD Littlemore, Thursdays  
 JACK RUSSELL Old Marston. Thurs & Sats  
 WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE: Dec 10  
 Aubrey Lovejoy and Tennessee Rain.

## OLD TIME PUB

- BERKSHIRE HOUSE, Abingdon Road, every night.  
 WALTON ALE STORES, Walton St., Friday and Saturday.  
 ROYAL STANDARD, Headington High St., Friday & Saturday

- FIR TREE TAVERN Iffley Road (sometimes)  
 MARLBOROUGH HEAD Littlemore, Sundays

## DISCOS

- SCAMPS, Westgate, every night.  
 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, Plain, Mon & Sat  
 SQUIRES, Plain, nightly  
 UNIVERSITY & CITY ARMS, Fridays

## OTHER

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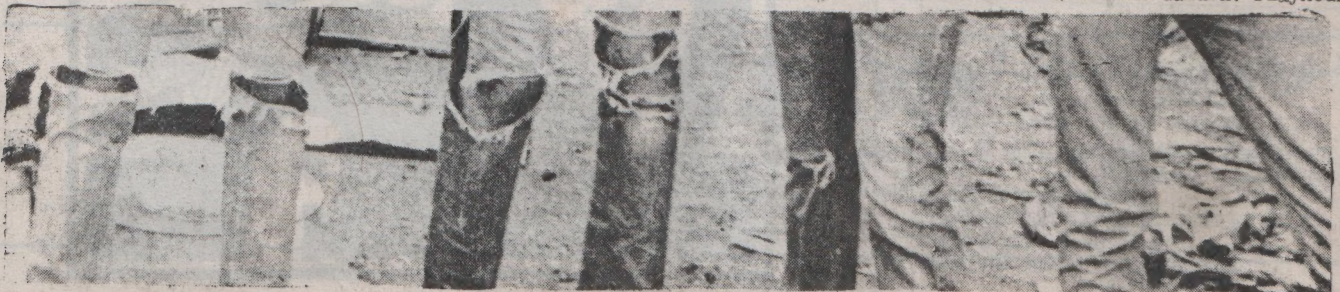
## EXHIBITIONS

- Until Jan 8th: 'Installation' by Joel Fisher, 'Post Partum Document' by Mary Kelly, Photographs by August Sander at the Museum of Modern Art.  
 From Dec 12th: Oils by Jack Simcock, Jewellery by Edward de Large, Aqua Tints by Donald Williamson, at Oxford Gallery, High Street.

- Until Dec 29th: Paintings by David R. Buchanan, at the Playhouse.

## PLAYS

- Dec 20th - Jan 14th: THE MAGICALYMPICAL GAMES by Graeme Garden. Playhouse.





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